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1. FOREIGN COMMUNITY IN BUKAVU HAS BEGUN TO "COME TO"
AFTER INITIAL SHOCK OF NOVEMBER 30 SPEECH. MOST COMMON REACTION:
RESIGNED ACCEPTANCE AND FEELING THAT HAD IT NOT BEEN NOW, IT
WOULD HAVE BEEN SOON.

2. BANK ACCOUNTS OF ALL FOREIGNERS WITH PROPERTY TO BE INVENTORIED
REMAIN BLOCKED. WITHDRAWALS FROM SUCH ACCOUNTS THEORETICALLY
POSSIBLE AND SOME HAVE BEEN MADE UPON AUTHORIZATION OF DIVISION
NATIONAL ECONOMY BUT PROCESS NATURALLY SLOW AND TIME CONSUMING.
SOME MERCHANTS REPORT NO SUCCESS DESPITE SEVERAL EFFORTS. IN
SUCH CASES, INABILITY TO CONTINUE "BUSINESS AS USUAL"

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COULD LEAD TO IMMEDIATE EXPROPRIATION OF THE BUSINESS PER

STATEMENT OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONER AT MEETING CITED REFTEL.
SHORTAGES HAVE NOT YET BEGUN TO APPEAR IN LOCAL SHOPS, BUT MANY
BELIEVE THEY WILL AROUND END OF DECEMBER.

3. NUMEROUS MILITARY ROADBLOCKS ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT REGION:
FOR EXAMPLE TWO BETWEEN GOMA AND VIRUNGA PARK AND TWO BETWEEN
GOMA AND BUKAVU AS OF DECEMBER 8-9.

4. TIGHT FRONTIER CONTROLS ON THOSE LEAVING ZAIRE, SPECIAL LAISSEZ
PASSERS REQUIRED, BUT NO DIFFICULTIES THUS FAR FOR AMCITS TO
OBTAIN.
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